MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: The Taluk Rationing Officer is issuing licences.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether the Government are aware that wholesale dealers, for example in Thiruvella, are still running retail shops side by side with wholesale shops?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: I will enquire.

Retail ration merchants in the Mavelikara taluk.

517. *MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of all the retail ration merchants in the Mavelikara taluk?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: It is considered that the time and labour involved in collecting the information are out of proportion to its possible utility.

Retail ration merchants in the Pathanamthitta taluk.

518. *MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the retail ration merchants in the Pathanamthitta taluk?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: It is considered that the time and labour involved in collecting the information are out of proportion to its possible utility.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: [illegible]

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: I may refer the honourable member to the statement published in Appendix I.

Food grains distributors in Ambalapuzha taluk.

519. *MR. G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a caste-war list of grain distributors in Ambalapuzha taluk?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: It is considered that the time and labour involved in collecting the information are out of proportion to its possible utility.

Wholesale and retail Merchants.

520. *MR. P. S. MOHAMED: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a taluk-war statement showing:

(*a*) the number of wholesale merchants in food-grains in 1120;

(*b*) the number of retail merchants in the same year;

(*c*) the number of wholesale merchants at present; and

(*d*) the number of retail merchants at present?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: (*a*) to (*d*) The required information is furnished in the statement appended.*

Purchase of paddy.

521. *MR. P. KOCHUKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount of paddy purchased by the Travancore Government under the Settlement Pattom and on the excess basis, in the years 1120 and 1121 respectively; and

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* *Vide* Appendix I.

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Appendix I.

Vide Answer to Question No. 520.

Name of Taluk.	(a) The number of wholesale merchants in foodgrains in 1120	(b) The number of retail merchants in the same year.	(c) The number of wholesale merchants at present	(d) The number of retail merchants at present.
Thovala ...	1	16	1	12
Agastiswaram ...	2	82	1	81
Kalkulam ...	8	204	7	169
Vilavancode ...	12	161	13	273
Neyyattinkara ...	10	195	10	231
Trivandrum ...	10	128	10	148
Nedumangad ...	4	129	7	207
Chirayinkil ...	5	147	7	254
Quilon ...	18	365	18	363
Kottarakara ...	8	142	7	166
Padmanabhapuram ...	5	97	4	96
Shencottah ...	2	36	1	35
Pathanamthitta ...	9	182	10	195
Kunnathur ...	6	115	6	121
Mavelikara ...	10	143	10	154
Tiruvalla ...	23	392	23	360
Karunagapally ...	14	338	13	255
Karthigapally ...	7	197	7	180
Ambalapuzha ...	8	270	8	233
Shertallai ...	9	188	9	194
Kottayam ...	24	432	17	248
Vaikom ...	11	225	15	171
Changanacherry ...	34	460	42	394
Meenachil ...	23	335	30	335
Muvattupuzha ...	9	149	7	105
Thodupuzha ...	15	189	15	165
Kunnathunad ...	3	185	5	193
Parur ...	5	208	6	154
Devicolam ...	3	19	3	15
Peermade ...	5	33	7	27

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